

(INTRODUCTION-AMC MUSIC)

MUSIC FROM AMC BAND-STEVE WONDER "VERY SUPERSTITIOUS"

REPORTER JOSEPH GIVENS:

That's the sweet sound of Sergeant America of the Army Materiel Command band, singing during the Armed Forces Week Celebration. It's a time where the local community reaches out to Redstone Arsenal & the Armed Services to extend its appreciation & gratitude. Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle & Madison Mayor Paul Finley joined military and civilian leaders to kick the week off during a proclamation signing, dedicating events to honor soldiers in the community

MAYOR TOMMY BATTLE:

We work together as a team, we work together on jobs, we work together on equality of life, we work together on how we make this community so special and Redstone is a key component of making this a special place to live.

MAYOR PAUL FINLEY:

The freedoms that we have are because of what the military does. On that standpoint our community wants to spotlight, for a week, those activities: to do everything we can to show how much we appreciate the sacrifice that's being made, by not only the military themselves but the families who support them.

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The ceremony also included the opening of the new Headquarters AMC building and a conclusion to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Law. General Ann Dunwoody hosted the ceremony to commemorate this historic event.

GENERAL ANN DUNWOODY:

BRAC wasn't only about moving people and organizations, just importantly BRAC was an opportunity to transform and adapt ourselves, because although today marks the end of an incredible six year journey, just importantly it marks the beginning of a new era for AMC.

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The new building will house nearly 1,800 AMC and U.S. Army Security Assistance Command personnel. Many people spoke highly of the new building and the significance of the BRAC relocation.

COLONEL JOHN HAMILTON:

I think it's an absolutely beautiful building and it's going to be a great addition to Redstone Arsenal. It gives AMC a great deal of capability and a lot of flexibility in how they operate out of this building.

RICKY SIMS:

From a strategic perspective, I am very happy with the building. I think it's going to be a huge asset to AMC and it's going to be a nice addition to the Arsenal as well.

REPORTER JOSEPH GIVENS:

AMC closed a chapter of its history in the Washington area, but the complex process of providing materiel and logistics support to the war fighter will continue as it has for nearly 50 years. From Redstone Arsenal, I'm Joseph Givens.